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In brief

No Gulf Defender next week

There will not be a base newspaper published Nov. 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

Family Day

Nov. 26 is a family day for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Medical group closures

The 325th Medical Group, to include the clinic and satellite pharmacy, will be closed today for Wingman Day activities. Sick call will be available in both Family Practice and Flight Medicine from 7-7:30 a.m. To reach an on-call provider, call 283-2778, or dial 911 for emergencies.

Also, Tyndall Pharmacy Services will be closed Nov. 25-28.

Holiday schedule for recycling

Recycling pick-ups from the Felix Lake, Redfish and Shoal Point housing areas will be Wednesday. From Dec. 25 to Jan. 1, recycling will be picked up every Monday. Normal pick up Schedule will resume after Jan. 1.

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Tech. Sgt. Lisa Zunzanyika

Hoorah!

95th Fighter Squadron maintainers and support personnel show their enthusiasm for their aircraft and its pilot prior to taking off to participate in an air-to-air scenario during William Tell 2004 here Nov. 9. The two weeks of competition challenged pilots, weapons loaders and maintainers from five F-15 Eagle fighter wings. The competing teams are the 1st Fighter Wing, Langley Air Force Base, Va. (Air Combat Command), the 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall Air Force Base. (Air Education and Training Command), the 142nd Fighter Wing, Portland Air National Guard Base, Ore., the 3rd Fighter Wing, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska (Pacific Air Forces), and the 48th Fighter Wing, Royal Air Forces Lakenheath, United Kingdom (U.S. Air Forces in Europe).

Secretary Roche submits resignation

TECH. SGT. DAVID JABLONSKI
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche announced his resignation Tuesday.

"I'm honored to have served the president, the secretary of defense and the terrific Airmen I've come to know and love in the past few years as the secretary of the Air Force," he said. "I've served with talented active, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen who are successfully countering new threats to our nation through their innovation and creativity. I'm proud to call myself an Airman."

Secretary Roche submitted his letter of resignation voluntarily. He left private industry to serve his country and the Air Force. He leaves the

Air Force now so that his resignation may free-up nominations of Air Force general officers that have been on hold in Congress.

During his tenure, Secretary Roche spearheaded many initiatives to improve the quality of life for Airmen and the capabilities of the Air Force, such as increasing opportunities for master's degree programs for enlisted Airmen. Program improvements under his watch included the F/A-22 Raptor, improving the RQ/MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle's weapons systems, equipping the B-52 Stratofortress with the LITENING pod, delivering the remotely piloted Global Hawk and the Joint Direct Attack Munition.

"Dr. Roche has led the Air Force

through one of the most remarkable periods in our nation's history," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.

"It has been my honor to serve side-by-side with him since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. During his tenure he has made each and every Airman his priority. His unrelenting resolve to adapt our force, to counter new and resilient threats to our nation, has guaranteed America's Air Force remains the greatest in the world. His compassion for the sacrifices made by our Airmen and their families is known across the Air Force. Indeed, the men and women of the Air Force family will remember him as a leader, friend and, most of all, as an Airman."

Among other accomplishments,

Secretary Roche instituted an agenda for change to improve the staff and cadet culture at the U.S. Air Force Academy following reports of sexual assault. His air and space expeditionary force concept improvements linked professional military education to AEF rotation dates, reorganized deployable unit type codes and delivered base opening capability packages.

Secretary Roche's concept of operations rationale transitioned the Air Force from a platform-based to a capabilities-based focus. His quality-of-life initiatives for Airmen reduced out-of-pocket housing expenses, yielded targeted pay raises, and resulted in large-scale base housing renovations and the one-plus-one dormitory concept.

Thanksgiving:

A time to reflect, thank nation's defenders

Each year Americans set aside the special day of "Thanksgiving" to gather with family and friends to count their blessings. At the first Thanksgiving festivals in the Virginia and Massachusetts Colonies the original settlers made praise and prayer for a bountiful harvest and hope for a promising future the centerpiece of their celebrations.

This Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the blessings we have as Americans because our nation still holds the promise of bountiful lands and the right of freedom. We enjoy peace and prosperity like no other nation. The rest of the world admires our way of life because America's values are bedrock.

For Airmen, we count an extra blessing around the Thanksgiving table this year, the privilege of serving in the greatest air and space force in the world. By your professionalism, dedication and willingness to answer our country's call at a time of war, you stand as the shining example of strength, courage, and patriotism for us all. Indeed, as Americans give thanks for their many blessings this Thanksgiving Day, they'll offer their gratitude to you for safeguarding our great nation.

This Thanksgiving Day finds many of our Airmen deployed throughout the world in defense of America and to help give others a chance for freedom.



Gen. John Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff



Dr. James Roche
Secretary of the Air Force

Please remember them in your prayers and make sure their families are taken care of on this special holiday. We're very proud of you and your families for what you do to protect our cherished freedoms. Happy Thanksgiving!

Taking care of our greatest resource - Airmen

CHIEF MASTER SGT. OF THE AIR FORCE GERALD MURRAY

The level of sacrifice and risk a person must embrace in order to fulfill the mission can define the difference between an occupation and a calling. As Airmen, we understand that losing one's life is an unfortunate possibility that comes with the calling of military service. We accept this fact, and honor those who give the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

It is the death of Airmen through other means – avoidable accidents or suicide – that we cannot, and will not accept. These are senseless, tragic losses ... losses that can curtail a vibrant young life, tear at the very fiber of our institution, and more so, permanently scar a family.

Even at a time of war, as we suffer combat casualties, off-duty accidents account for the highest number of deaths of our people; last year we lost 99 Airmen to accidents. Whether the cause was excess speed, alcohol use or inattention, the results were the same ... we lost our most important resources — fellow Airmen.

Add to this, in the past fiscal year twice as many Airmen took their own lives than in the previous year; 57 Airmen saw no other way to get through a crisis and chose a permanent solution to temporary problems.

All of us receive training in safety, risk management and suicide prevention annually. Clearly we possess the education and capability to make the right decisions and to look after each other. However, training and knowledge are not enough, we must take action.

Today's operations tempo at home, and while deployed, can cause a great deal of stress, anxiety, and even grief for our Airmen and their families. As any battle commander knows, you have to be able to recognize when you need reinforcements. These reinforcements can come in the form of reaching out to a friend, supervisor, commander, or a trained professional such as the chaplain, family advocate, or life skills provider. That's what Airmen do for each other.

But first, it's vital that you make the smart decision not to hurt yourself or anyone else and ask for support when you, or your fellow Airman needs it. We all must be vigilant and take the time to care about those around us — Airmen take care of Airmen!

Fighting wars, deployments, force shaping and a myriad of other challenges make it more important than ever that we hone in on our people, and commit ourselves to caring for one another. To do that, we must build solid relationships before a

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Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general in-

terest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing

Inspector General's Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON
325th Fighter Wing commander

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Wingman Day helps Airmen focus on supporting each other

BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON
325th Fighter Wing commander

In the flying community we call them wingmen – the person who flies beside you watching you and your aircraft, making sure you're safe.

When something goes wrong or isn't quite right they're the first to jump in and get things back on track. Without wingmen we'd be hard-pressed to accomplish our mission, but a wingman's job doesn't end when the planes are on the ground.

A true wingman is there off to the side all of the time watching and waiting should they be needed. I know this because I've had many wingmen over the years, and I've been a wingman more times than I can count.

In a day and age where most people think of themselves as islands, capable of handling any situation on their own, I'm here to tell you, in order to face life's challenges successfully, you need a wingman.

We've all been there – things aren't going the way we had hoped, there's a lot

of stress at work or at home, and what we thought we had built was an empire suddenly comes crashing down. When we face these challenges we find someone to talk to. Maybe that person is a family member, friend, co-worker; supervisor or maybe a chaplain. But, no matter whom it is, that someone is a wingman. Maybe they can just listen, but often that's all they need and that's enough.

We are all wingmen and that's a job we really need to take seriously. We can't afford to leave what's going on with the Airmen around us unnoticed. If someone's actions or behavior seem out of character, or something about them is out of the norm, we have to take action. It's our responsibility as Airmen, as human beings, as wingmen! Sometimes it takes a great deal of courage, but that's what being a wingman is all about – having the courage to step in when things are aren't right.

Sadly, the Air Force lost 57 Airmen to suicide in the past year and another 99 to acci-

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dents. I'm willing to bet that if each of these folks had a wingman these numbers would be significantly lower if not nonexistent. Had there been someone willing to risk stepping up to the plate and saying something to these folks or getting them help they would be with us today. If only they had a wingman.

Everyone experiences stress and speed bumps in their lives, but all too often no one talks about it or seeks help. Likewise, sometimes we are so focused on what's happening in our own lives that we don't see what's going on with those around us. That creates a serious problem for all concerned.

Fortunately, Tyndall has

not experienced any suicides this year, but that does not mean Tyndall people don't have problems. I know this because I pay attention and I take action when necessary. I know that our life skills clinic has helped hundreds of Airmen find solutions to problems many of them thought were permanent. In some cases there have been instances of domestic violence. Again, if these folks had a wingman, these situations might have been averted.

So, I am calling on each of you to be an active wingman. Be vigilant and look out for one another. If things don't seem right with someone – they probably aren't. Help

them any way you can – be a wingman.

Additionally, I encourage anyone who is experiencing any difficulties to seek assistance. Talk to a family member, a friend or co-worker, a chaplain or visit the Life Skills clinic – find a wingman.

Today we are holding a Wingman Day. This should not be thought of as a free day, but an opportunity to evaluate ourselves.

There will be many activities taking place, and I want to stress the importance of taking a hard, serious look at yourselves as well as your fellow Airmen. As you participate in today's activities, I want each of you to do an inventory of your life. Are you taking care of yourself? Look at all of your needs – emotional, spiritual, physical and social. If you are having problems in any area, make sure you get assistance. The only problems that are permanent are those we don't deal with, and they're a whole lot easier to deal with if we do it together – as wingmen!

Have a great, safe day, and I'll see all of you next week.

Many Wingman Day events are planned for the group, squadron and flight levels.

Mandatory events are:

A 325th Fighter Wing Breakfast with Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th FW commander, for group and squadron commanders, wing staff agency chiefs and fighter wing chief master sergeants, will be from 7-8 a.m. at the Officers' Club. Those who have questions can contact their immediate supervisor. Only participation is mandatory for this event.

A wing commander's call for all E-1 through E-4 Airmen, will be 8:30-9:30 a.m. in Hangar 1.

Buses to this event will run from Bldg. 662, Bldg. 1270, the clinic, the Base Exchange parking lot and Hangar 1. The return route will be the same.

ON THE

STREET

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?



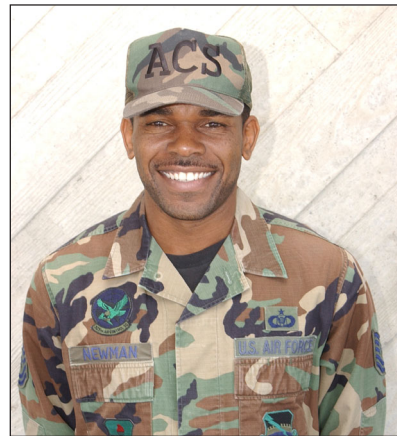
"I like pumpkin pie."

**SENIOR AIRMAN
COURTNEY DISCHAR**
325th Air Control Squadron



"Cranberries and sweet potatoes. Cranberries are crucial."

1ST LT. ERIK SCHILLING
1st Fighter Squadron



"I have to go with the fried turkey."

TECH. SGT. ROBERT NEWMAN
325th Air Control Squadron



"Turkey and dressing; the usual."

STAFF SGT. MICHAEL SIRMONS
325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Downtown medical care becomes option for some patients

Medical group aims to serve all patients better with new change

In order to continue providing the highest-quality medical service to the 325th Medical Group’s Family Practice and Pediatric Clinic patients, non-active duty members can now enroll under an off-base medical provider.

The change comes due to an increase in active enrollment at the Tyndall Air Force Base clinics over the past few years and may be an appealing option to those who live more than 30 miles from the base or having special medical needs.

“We are making this option available to non-active duty patients until we get below our maximum enrollment numbers,” said Col. (Dr.) Sean Murphy, 325th Medical Group commander. “This is one of the ways we are trying to better serve all our patients’ healthcare needs without delays and most likely will only last for a short time

while we stabilize our enrollment.”

In order to change enrollment from a Tyndall-based primary care manager to a downtown provider, patients need to complete and submit a Primary Care Manager Change Request Form, available at the Tricare Service Center located next to the Tyndall Pharmacy or can be downloaded from https://internal.tyndall.af.mil/325MDG_MII/information/copy%20of%20primeenrollment_DD2876.pdf. Forms can be completed electronically and submitted via email to sharon.bryant@tyndall.af.mil, or filled-out and dropped off at the 325th MDG Patient Administration Element, located on the third floor of the medical group building.

Choosing a downtown provider can be accomplished by calling Tech. Sgt. Sharon Bryant, 325th MDG Patient Administration

Helpful Web sites

Primary Care Manager Change Request Form:
https://internal.tyndall.af.mil/325MDG_MII/information/copy%20of%20primeenrollment_DD2876.pdf.

Humana Healthcare Military Web site:
hmd.humana-military.com/South/main.asp



Element chief, at 283-7171, or by visiting the Humana Healthcare Military Web site at hmd.humana-military.com/South/main.asp for a list of available providers.

If choosing a provider via the Web site, simply select the ‘network physician finder by distance’ option. Enter your zip code and select the maximum distance you desire to see a list of providers with available enrollment openings.

Once a provider has been selected and the necessary forms are completed patients

should ensure forms are submitted before the 20th day of the month in order for the change to take effect by the first day of the following month. During the period in which the provider change is processed, patients will continue to see their current primary care manager.

For additional information, patients can contact Sergeant Bryant by phone or via email.

(Courtesy of the 325th Medical Group)

Congratulations Tyndall Promotees



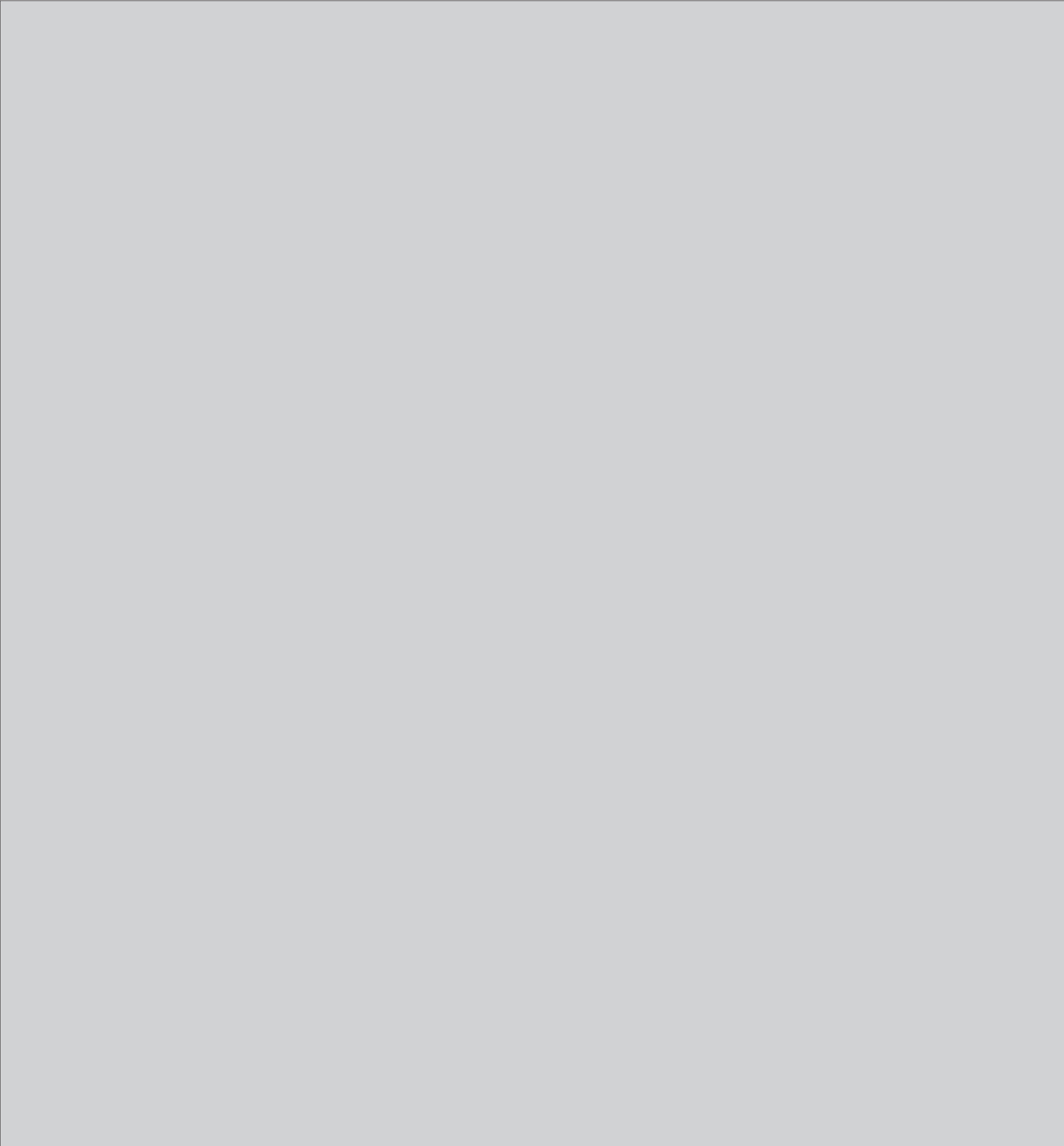
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William Carroll
Frank Smith

Technical sergeant select:

Eric Bias





Checkertail Salute

Airman 1st Class Vitheary Pich



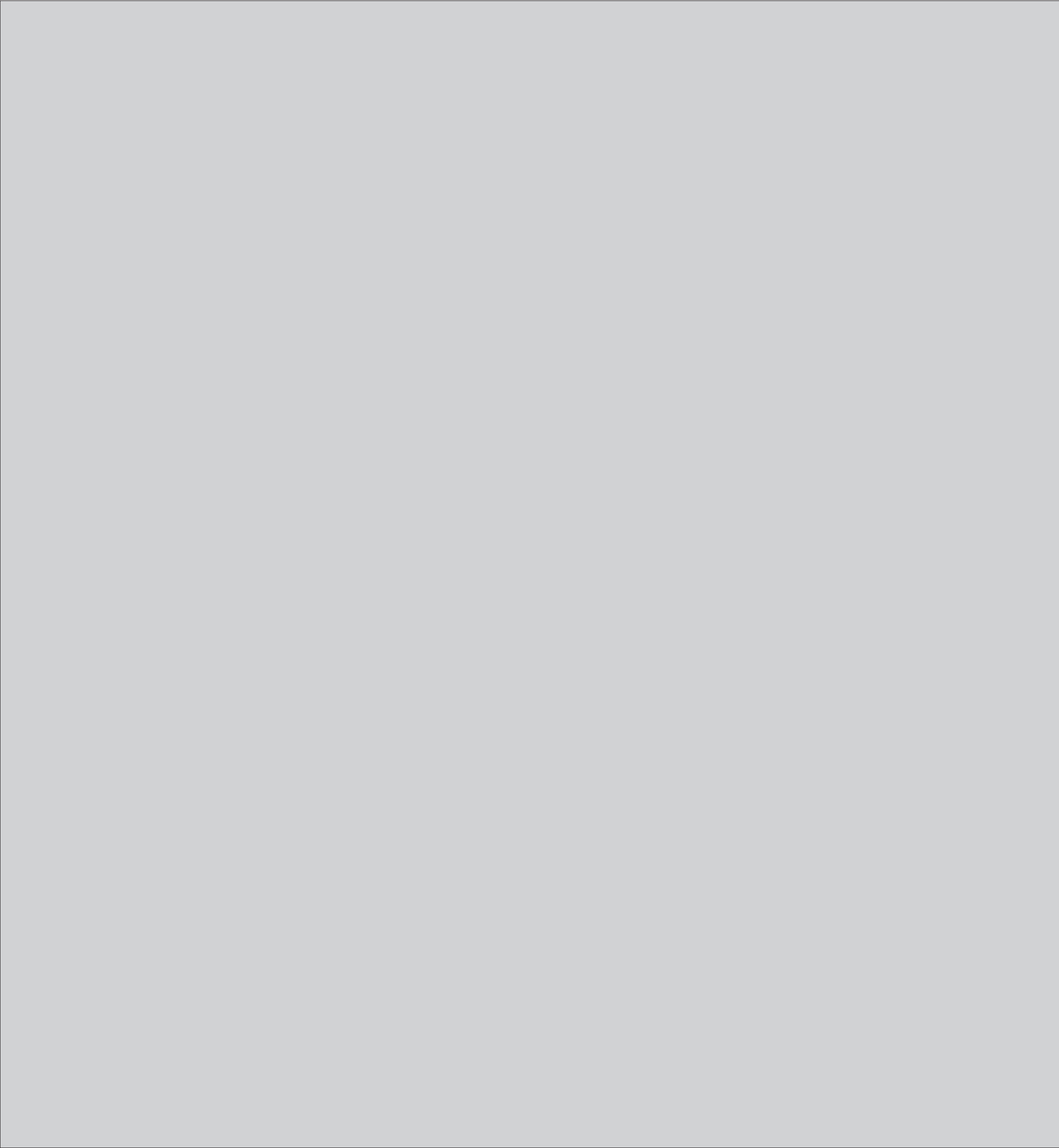
Lisa Norman

Airman Pich receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Pich, who has been a member of the Base Honor Guard since October 2003. She is a member of the Red Ribbon Week committee, was a key worker at the Airmen Base Block Party, has received recognition for her diligent documentation of the Air Force fitness program and was a member of the Enlisted Club’s Casino Night committee. Airman Pich is also a member of the MOS squadron booster club.

Duty title: 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron information manager
Time on station: Two years and five months
Time in service: Two years and nine months
Hometown: Charlotte, N.C.
Hobbies: Fitness and shopping
Goals: Get my U.S. citizenship
Favorite movie: “The Ring”
Favorite thing about Tyndall: It is close to a lot of attractions
Pet peeves: Gossip
Proudest moment in the military: Being in the Tyndall Honor Guard

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall’s Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.



Commander addresses automated teller concern

Please feel free to address concerns regarding TFCU or Armed Forces Bank to Maj. Lester Weilacher at 283-3265, or e-mail lester.weilacher@tyndall.af.mil. Great question and a valid concern.



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crisis hits – between supervisors and subordinates, between co-workers, and within families.

This isn’t a new concept; we have the tools, we just need to ensure we’re using them. It all comes down to the basic roles and responsibilities of being good leaders.

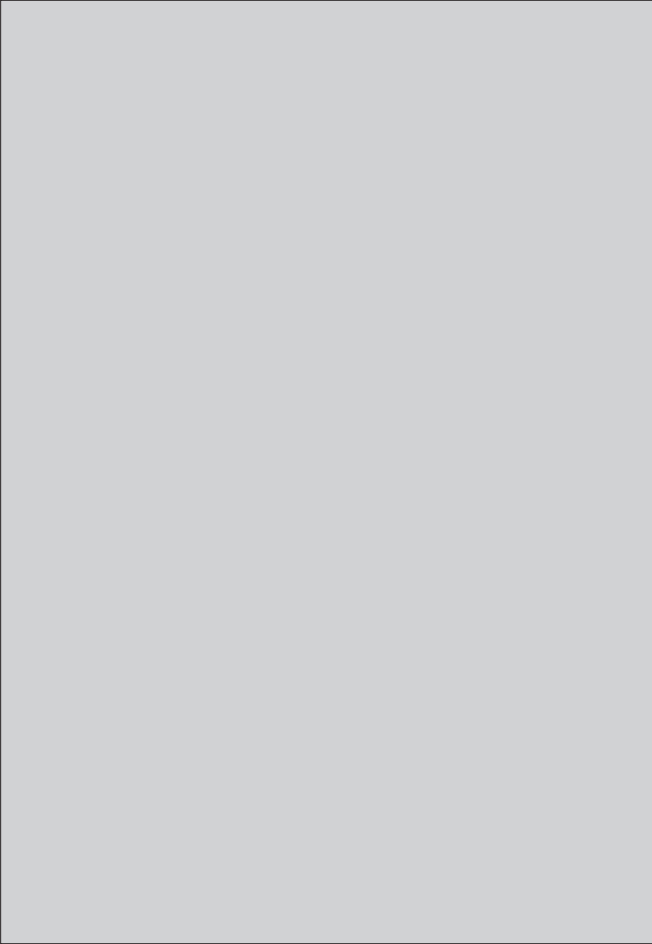
First, we need to start our new Airmen off right. For example, when an Airman move to a new base, the immediate supervisor should embrace the role of sponsoring the new arrival and plan to spend time showing the Airman and his/her family around the base and the community. Find out what their interests are and give them the tools for success in their new environment. Delegating this important responsibility should be a last option. It’s vital to build a strong relationship between supervisors and subordinates — that means regular face-to-face communication. Make sure your feedback sessions are not driven just by the timelines in our Air Force instructions. Feedback, both positive and corrective, is vital to understanding the needs and stresses of today’s Airmen.

The leaders I respected most throughout my career were those who knew my name instead of “Hey Airman.” They took the time to know my wife and children, where we were from, my hobbies and certainly my goals.

The best leaders find creative ways to bring everyone together, including families for fun and fellowship. I’m not talking about quarterly “mandatory fun,” but real events where people can enjoy camaraderie and get to know each other outside the job.

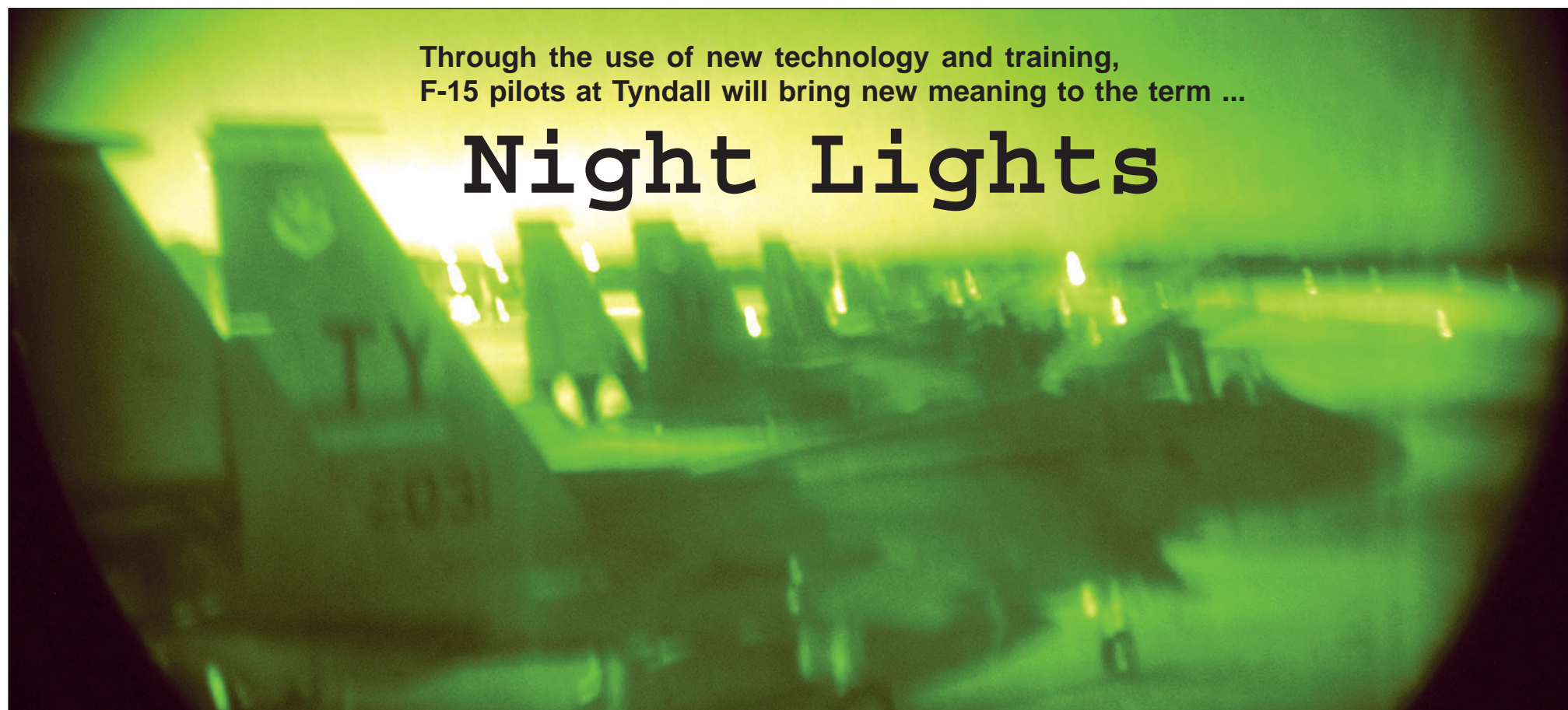
We are “family” and each member makes a valuable contribution. We would not be the world’s greatest Air Force without the hard work and daily sacrifice of every Airman.

Together, we can turn the tide on this senseless loss of life and ensure that every Airman understands how valuable they are to their families, to our Air Force, and to the nation.



Through the use of new technology and training,
F-15 pilots at Tyndall will bring new meaning to the term ...

Night Lights



STORY AND PHOTOS BY
SENIOR AIRMAN BENJAMIN ROJEK
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

They are trained to operate a jet that is priced at almost \$30 million, complete aeronautical maneuvers at high speed and operate a 20 mm Gatling gun in dogfights against enemy aircraft.

Now, in keeping with the 325th Fighter Wing mission of training the world's best Air Dominance team for the Air Force, F-15 Eagle instructor pilots here are learning something new:

how to use night vision goggles in-flight to enhance their overall situational awareness.

According to Capt. Matt Bradley, 2nd Fighter Squadron C Flight commander, NVGs take reflected energy, like visible light and near-infrared, and display it to the naked eye.

"NVGs require at least some illumination, like the stars or moon for example," he said. "Everything in the goggles is then displayed in shades of green."

"It doesn't turn night into day," said

Maj. James Mueller, 2nd FS chief of training, "but you can perform aggressive maneuvers at night and not get disoriented."

Yet, even though the goggles can make the darkness of night a little brighter, it still takes training to get used to flying with them.

"Instructors began training with NVGs in 2002," said Captain Bradley. "In early 2003, Air Combat Command directed Tyndall to start training with them so students would arrive at operational squadrons with experience."

Since the wing's main priority is to get students through training, it has taken some time to get all of the instructors trained on using the goggles, he said.

"When we set up our night flying schedule it's based on getting the students trained," said Major Mueller. "Getting an instructor upgraded to fly with NVGs takes sorties away from students. We want to make sure we put them first."

Putting the students first also means keeping them safe. Due to current jet limitations, the students will not begin training with the goggles until spring of 2005.

"Originally, the F-15 was not built for NVG use," said Captain Bradley. "Most of the lights in the cockpit are white or red, which is not NVG compatible."

Current cockpit lighting causes the goggles to become less sensitive to the light outside, he said. The lights can also blind the pilot and damage the goggles.

A modification called the Night Vision Integrated System is being installed in the jets with a separate control that turns on green lights to illuminate the cockpit.

Interestingly, unlike current cockpit lighting NVIS has its own battery, so even if the jet is not powered up, the lights can still be turned on.

So far, 18 Tyndall jets have been modified with NVIS, said Major Mueller.

"Only when we can guarantee that a student can go to a jet that has the NVIS lighting will we begin training them," he said.

But even with the NVIS installed in the cockpits, it won't be easy training for the student pilots.

"The training involves one versus one scenarios to start off with," said Captain Bradley. "Pilots don the goggles after takeoff and get used to formation positions. Then, they run intercepts on another F-15 with various light settings, including blacked-out lighting."

In later sorties, he said, they employ two versus two scenarios with typical night tactical intercept flows.

With all of this required training and



The Night Vision Integrated System projects a green light on the F-15 Eagles cockpit instrument panel. Since the regular cockpit lights would shine too bright, NVIS is used to allow the pilots to see clearly through the NVGs.



Airman 1st Class Christopher Pena, 2nd FS aircrew life support technician, attaches the NVGs to a clip on the pilot's helmet.

more in the new syllabus, things aren't going to get any easier for the instructor pilots.

"The hard part will be teaching

someone with very little night flying experience to use equipment that is new to them while training in the Eagle," said Major Mueller.

The instructor's workload will also increase as they get used to the new syllabus, said Captain Bradley.

No matter how hard it gets, there are

some big benefits to all of this preparation and training.

"First, Tyndall has a lot of D-model F-15s, which are two-seaters," said Captain Bradley. "We're able to get the training done here that requires a backseater."

Operational squadrons, he said, usually only have one or two D-models. This makes it difficult to get the two-seat required sortie completed.

"We've given the students exposure to the goggles and knocked out the required two-seat rides before they show up to their squadron," said Captain Bradley.

Another benefit from the training, he added, is the students are able to build habit patterns from the beginning on how to employ with the goggles.

Even with all the intense training and discovering the benefits of using the NVGs in flight, the pilots still find time to appreciate the new technology.

"To this day, I'm still so amazed at how NVGs work," said Captain Bradley.

"Sometimes you find yourself looking at an airplane, reading the tail number, and then you look underneath the goggles and you can't see a thing. I still find myself saying, 'That is so cool.'"



Capt. Matt Bradley, 2nd Fighter Squadron C Flight commander, uses the Hoffman tester to focus his NVGs before going out to his jet. Pilots flying with NVGs will first use the tester set up the goggles for long distance focus. A grid is displayed through the viewfinder with the individual lines representing distances. The pilot again checks the focus of the NVGs once they enter their jet.



The small lights on the flightline shine bright as the sun through the NVGs. Distances are hard to judge through the goggles because the size of lights depends on how bright they are, not how close they are.

Briefs

November Military Family Month

The month of November is Military Family Month, and certain organizations on base that will be participating in honoring members of military families.

Burger King will take 10 percent off on all family orders on Sunday for all meals. The Commissary will also finish giving away five free turkeys today.

Also, the Armed Services YMCA is sponsoring an art contest for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, and an essay contest for children through the 12th grade. Winners will receive U.S. savings bonds. For more information, call the Family Support Center, 283-4204.

Operation Turkey Drop

People who would like to donate food for Operation Turkey Drop may bring items to TOP 3 representatives from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily at the Tyndall commissary.

The basket assembly will be 1 p.m. Sunday in the Chapel 2 annex, starting at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to help.

RAO position open

The Retiree Activities Office has a director position open. The RAO director writes for the base paper, puts a newsletter together and attends retiree council conferences. To apply, call 283-2737 between 9 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday.

ERAU term registration

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Spring 2005 Term Registration will be Nov. 29 through Dec. 3 and Jan. 3-7 in Bldg. 1230, Room 49 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Class dates are Jan. 7 to March 10. For more information, call 283-4557.

Cookie drive

Team Tyndall's Annual Cookie Drive will be Dec. 13 from 7-9 a.m. People can bring cookies to the Commissary Bagger Entrance in the front parking lot. Approximately 500 cookies are needed to give to Airmen residing in the dormitories. For more information, call Beth Lee at 215-2881, Barb Hess at 286-5353 or Master Sgt. Tommy Dixon at 283-3072.

Retirement ceremony

The retirement ceremony honoring Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Taylor Jr., 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron chief, will be at noon today at Hangar 43. The dinner will be at 6 p.m. at the Tyndall Enlisted Club. Dress for

the ceremony is uniform of the day for military and casual for civilian. Dress for the dinner is casual/fishing theme for all attending. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Wilkerson at 282-4321.

Spin classes

There is free indoor cycling classes (also known as "spinning") at the new Cardio Center (next to the Bowling Center). The available dates and times for November are: 5 p.m. today, noon Monday, 6 a.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. Nov. 27, noon Nov. 29 and 6 a.m. Nov. 30.

Ladies locker room closure

The ladies locker room in the Base Fitness Center will be closed for renovations until March 2005. The senior staff locker room will serve as the temporary ladies locker room. Senior staff will be sharing the section in the men's locker room reserved for squadron commanders. For more information, contact Lou South at the Fitness Center office at 283-2631.

Tyndall Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop now has winter clothing and Christmas items. The store will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 24-26. For more information, call 286-5888.

Air Force Reserve opportunities

The Air Force is still accepting applications for the Palace Chase Force Shaping program. Members who are thinking about leaving active duty early can transfer their commitment into the Air Force Reserve without having to payback bonuses, and while maintaining many of the same benefits. There are Air Force Reserve opportunities available in many locations in the United States and overseas. The member chooses the location. Re-training into a different career field is also an option. For more information please contact Master Sgt. Randi Baum at 283-8384 or visit the Military Personnel Flight located in Bldg. 662, Room 222.

Focus 56

All E-5s and E-6s are invited to attend a Focus 56 "Networking Social" today at 3 p.m. at the Beacon Beach Marina. This event gives Focus 56 members the opportunity to network/socialize with peers from other squadrons and discuss the issue of the day or just get to know everyone better.

Garage Sale

There will be a garage sale at 3560 B Andrews Loop from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.



2nd Lt. William Powell

Honoring the fallen

Canadian Forces Lt. Col. Paul Keddy, Canadian Component commander here, helps Shirley Coombs, a Royal Canadian Legion member, lay a wreath in front of the American and Canadian flags during a Remembrance Day ceremony Nov. 11. The wreath is a homage to all the Canadian, American and allied forces soldiers and peacekeepers who made the ultimate sacrifice during wars and peace keeping operations.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic services held at Chapel 2:

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday
Reconciliation (before Saturday Mass or by appointment)
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.

Religious Education, 11 a.m. Sunday. Protestant services at Chapel 1:

Communion service, 9:30 a.m.
Religious Education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 1476
Sunday Night Live service, 6 p.m.
General Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2

Tyndall sergeant named AETC's top male athlete

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

By day, Staff Sgt. Bryan Pemberton, a 325th Contracting Squadron specialist, is an administrator handling contracts worth millions of dollars, but at night, he administers pain while handling a ball on the rugby field.

Sergeant Pemberton plays rugby for the Air Force rugby team, in addition to the Panama City Beach Hurricanes, and was recently selected as the Air Education and Training Command Male Athlete of the Year.

He helped lead the AF team to victory during the 2004 Armed Forces Rugby Championships held recently at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"The Air Force has great athletes who are involved in a variety of sports and levels of competition, to include the Olympics," he said. "I didn't think my chances of winning would be that great."

The award may be a surprise to him, but not to those who know Sergeant Pemberton.

According to Maj. Mark Young, Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency staff engineer and head coach of the Hurricanes, Sergeant Pemberton is a fierce competitor and a level-headed sportsman.

"He is recognized and respected by our opponents all across the South and a regarded leader by his PCB teammates," Major Young said. "It is only appropriate that a true athlete like Bryan is recognized by his service for playing an all-volunteer sport every possible weekend and representing the Air Force against our other Services."

Sergeant Pemberton believes rugby is a way of life more than a game.

"Once you start, you realize the teams are close knit," he said. "We play together and party together. We help each other out, because rugby is a full-contact sport and requires a team playing as one. Anyone weak in heart who doesn't carry their load is going to have a negative effect on the entire team."



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Bryan Pemberton, with the ball, crashes through the opposing U.S. Marine team members during the early stages of the 2004 Armed Forces Rugby Championship held Oct. 18-22 at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The Air Force team beat the Marines 9-6.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Mead, 83rd Fighter Weapons Squadron deployment liaison and one of Sergeant Pemberton's teammates on the Hurricanes, agrees that the teams become like family, and Sergeant Pemberton is always striving to improve himself as well as the team.

"I know he would be there to help me in anyway he could, on or off the pitch (field)," Sergeant Mead said. "He is constantly in the gym lifting weights or on the track trying to increase his stamina. He is always at practice even if only four of us show up. Bryan is also the first to ask if anybody would like to join him for fitness runs."

The dedication to fitness results in a strong, fast, and

agile player, who is always willing to help anyone, except the opposition, said Keith Waller, former coach and the person who got Sergeant Pemberton interested in rugby.

"His ability to instill fear in our opponents was unbelievable, but it's Bryan's outgoing personality and enthusiasm that draws people to him," Mr. Waller said. "He is deserving of this award, not only for his play, but for his morals, work ethic, beliefs and zest for life."

Having won honors at the command-level, Sergeant Pemberton's next step will be to compete for the Air Force Male Athlete of the Year award, but he remains humble.

"I have a Greyhound-mix dog that enjoys showing me how slow I really am," he joked.

Tigers sweep Commandos, remain No. 1 in SEMAC

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team had two victories over the Commandos of Hurlburt Field this past weekend to gain sole possession of first place. They are now 9-1 conference, 13-2 overall.

In Saturday's game, the Tigers jumped out to an early lead that steadily increased to a 16 point margin before Hurlburt went on a late run to trim Tyndall's lead to two points 40-38 at the half.

In the second half, the two squads battled back and forth until Hurlburt went on a 8-2 run to take a six point lead, 82-76, with 2 minutes remaining to be played. The

Tigers dug in defensively and forced the Commandos to commit several costly turnovers as they went on a 14-2 run to take the hard fought victory with a score of 90-84.

Elvin Walker paced the Tigers in scoring with a game-high 31 points, followed by Omar Johnson with 18, Tarrance Garner with 12 and Tommy Nixon and Anthony Showers with 10 points each. Rob Montgomery led in rebounding with 10, and Johnson led in assists with eight. Walker and Johnson had four steals each. Yeta Holloway led the Commandos in scoring with 17 points.

Sunday's game saw Tyndall take an early lead again, but the score

stayed close throughout the first half as Tyndall led 35-32 as the half time buzzer sounded. In the second half, the Tigers deep bench compensated for injuries to starters Tarrance Garner and Elvin Walker as Mark Pough and Anthony Showers came off the bench to make numerous key plays to keep Tyndall in the ball game. The Tigers battled back from a six point deficit with 1:30 remaining to take a two point lead 78-76 with 25 seconds on the clock. Hurlburt's Yeta Holloway converted two free throws to tie the score at 78-78 with 16 seconds remaining—setting the stage of the Tigers Omar

Johnson's game winning heroics as he connected on a pull up jumper just inside the free throw line with four seconds on the clock to give Tyndall the lead 80-78 and eventually the victory as the Commandos missed a desperation shot at the buzzer.

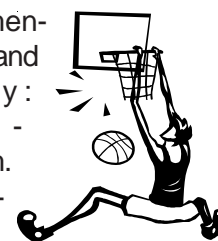
Omar Johnson and Mark Pough paced the Tigers in scoring with 19 and 17 points respectively, followed by Rob Montgomery with 15, Elvin Walker with 11 and Tommy Nixon and Anthony Showers with 10 points each. Montgomery again led in rebounding with 12, and Johnson had six assists. Jason Brown led

Hurlburt in scoring with a game-high 27 points.

(Courtesy of the Tyndall Tigers)

Game time:

The Tigers and Lady Tigers will host the teams from Fort Benning, Ga., this weekend. The game times are: Saturday: women - 2:00 p.m., men- 4:00 p.m. and Sunday: women - 11:00 a.m. and men - 1:00 p.m.



Funshine NEWS

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Tree Lighting

Dec. 2, 5 p.m.
at the main gate
beside Flag Park



Come out and enjoy free hot chocolate, cookies, songs and a visit from Santa.

283-2495

Pancake Breakfast with Santa at the Youth Center



Saturday, December 4, 8-11 a.m.
\$2.00 ages 12 & under
\$4.00 ages 13 & above

Register for holiday door prizes, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, do a holiday craft.

283-4366

Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

1st Youth Activities Support Sports Golf Event

December 3, Noon Shotgun Start. Fun & Excitement, Prizes For Longest Drive, Closest To The Pin. All profits go to support the Youth Center Sports program. 4 - Man best ball format, Mulligans. \$30 entry fee includes Green Fees & Cart. Sign up individually or with a team. Only one A-player per team. Individual sign-ups will be assigned to a team.

Lodging NAF Property Sale

November 24, Bldg. 1381, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items for sale: Beds Queen size, desks, chairs, occasional chairs, dressers, mirrors, drapes, artwork, microwaves. Cash and Checks only. Call 283-4211, ext. 3336

Outdoor Recreation

☎ 283-3199

Sugar Mountain, NC Ski/Snowboard Adventure

Dec 27-30. Cost \$350 covers 3 nights in a condo with a fireplace, 2-days lift tickets, 2-days board rental and transportation. Must reserve by Dec. 13.

Football Frenzy at the Pizza Pub

Bldg. 1027 on Louisiana Ave.

Prizes include: an XBOX system, T-shirts, coolers and hats for Club Members!

For more information
283-3222 / 283-2814

Community Center

☎ 283-2495

New Cardio Center

Bldg. 912 (Old Teen Center), Pilates Classes: 5:15-6:15 p.m. Tues. & Thurs., 12-1 p.m. Wed & Thurs., Yoga Classes 5-6 p.m. Mon. & Weds., Pilates Classes Cost: 10 Class punch card \$30 or \$6 per class. Yoga Classes Cost: 10 Classes punch card \$35 or \$6 per class, punch cards available at the CAC Bldg. 1027. Call 283-2495 for more info.

Pizza Pub at the Community Center

Come join us on Wednesdays

Karaoke

Dec 1., 5-11 p.m.

Open Mic Night

Nov. 24, Dec. 8, 5-9 p.m.

Sing, read poetry, play an instrument or just jam

Food and Drink Specials

For more information call
283-3222
or 283-2495



Air Force Club Membership Drive

New and Existing AETC members could win up to \$3,000.00. If AETC reaches it's goal, Tyndall clubs could receive \$500! Amn E1-E4 & 2Lt get one free year of membership. Call the club today and start saving.

283-4357

All Ranks at the Enlisted Club Dinner and A Movie

December 2

Princess Diaries 2 Royal Engagement

Buffet 5-7 p.m., Movie 7 p.m.

Buffet style dinner: \$6.95

Member price: \$5.95

Non-Member Children: \$3.95

Children age 7 and under eat free.

Youth under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Coming Attractions

Tuesday, December 7

Mexican Buffet & Sky Captain

Thursday, December 16

Oriental Buffet & Santa Clause 2

Also two giant stockings filled with goodies will be given away!

Movies subject to availability.

All Ranks at the Tyndall O' Club Thanksgiving Meals to Go

Order today by 4 p.m.

Plan ahead and let us do the cooking for you!

You Get: \$35.95 for members
A 10 lb. Turkey \$39.95 for non-members
Mashed Potatoes Feeds Approximately 6-8 people
Mixed Vegetables
Cornbread Stuffing
Giblet Gravy
Dinner Rolls
Cranberry Sauce
& Pumpkin Pie

Orders can be picked up
8-11 a.m. on Nov. 25 th
the Tyndall Officer's Club

Call 283-4357 by 4 p.m.

THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 25

Adults: \$15.95*, Children 5-11: \$7.95*, Children under 5: Free

Featuring:

Carving Station with Roast Beef and Baked Ham, Omelet Station, Waffle Station, Sliced Turkey, Stuffing, Candied Yams, Cranberries, Mashed Potatoes & Giblet Gravy, Seasonal Vegetables, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon, Biscuits, Creamed Beef, Seasonal Fruit, Dessert Station, Selection of Juices, Coffee & Tea

*Members First! Show your club card to receive \$2 discount



Reservations Encouraged:
Your choice of the 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.
reservation times.

283-4357

Tyndall Airmen grab top IDEA prize

**SENIOR AIRMAN
BENJAMIN ROJEK**
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Two Airmen with the 325th Maintenance Squadron split a \$10,000 check for their submission to the IDEA program at a ceremony at the avionics shop here Nov. 5.

Staff Sgt. Benjamin Orgeron and Senior Airman Anthony Hagan, both 325th MXS F-15 Eagle avionics technicians, were presented the check by Brig. Gen. Jack

Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander, along with IDEA program certificates.

“This is the first award of that size presented here in several years,” said Robbie Robertson, 325th Mission Support Squadron manpower and organization chief. “We usually hand out our \$200 prize every couple of months for Air Force technical order changes.”

According to Airman Hagan, he and Sergeant

Orgeron were awarded for their proposed method of repairing eight millimeter cameras that are installed in F-15s. Currently, when the cameras, priced at \$1,120.22 each, stop working, they are sent to the Defense Reutilization Management Office. The Airmen suggested building a mock-up to run the camera system like it would in the jet. This way they could trouble-shoot and repair any problems with the system.

“This idea won the large dollar amount because it had a tangible savings,” said Mr. Robertson. “A tangible savings is showing an actual dollar amount that the idea will save the Air Force.”

“The proposal will save the wing \$390,000”, said Airman Hagan. “It feels good to have saved the Air Force money. I may not be out there fighting in the war, but I can say I have helped the military in some way.”

Air Force honors spouses with pin

WASHINGTON — A letter signed by Secretary of the Air Force James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper accompanies each Air Force spouse pin. The pin is designed to recognize and thank spouses who support the efforts of Airmen stationed worldwide. The pin sports a blue star cradled in the Air Force symbol. It is a contemporary adaptation of a wartime tradition dating back to World War I where families hung service flags in their windows displaying a blue star for each family member serving in the armed forces. Undersecretary of the Air Force Peter Teets launched the spouse pin program during a ceremony at the Pentagon Nov. 8. Visit www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com, for more information.



Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi





Courtesy photo

Congratulations to Air Battle Manager Class 05003 ...

The 325th Air Control Squadron graduated eight students Wednesday from Air Battle Manager class 05003. The graduates are: (from left) 2nd Lt. Joel Doss, 1st Lt. Leonard Johnson Jr., 2nd Lt. Kevin Fletcher, 2nd Lt. Brian Freshwater, 2nd Lt. Antony Braun, 2nd Lt. Siobhan Healy, 2nd Lt. Gregory Blom, and 2nd Lt. Matthew Slusher. All students are going to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., except Lieutenant Johnson, who will be heading to Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany. Lieutenant Johnson also won both the Top Academic award, with a 99.4 percent test average, and the Distinguished Graduate award, which is based on overall course performance. The Top Scope award, given to the best performer on the radar scope, was given to Lieutenant Doss. The Top Graduate, which is based on overall course performance, was awarded to Lieutenant Fletcher. Lieutenant Blom won the Yukla Award, which is given to the student who best exemplifies the Air Force core values. The award is named in honor of the E-3 Sentry that crashed in Alaska in 1995.

325th ACS welcomes new class ...

Lieutenants in the Air Battle Manager course use the skills they learned in the classroom with the Airborne Warning and Control System modeling system in an operations room at the 325th Air Control Squadron. The 12 students of Class # 05015 began their course Nov. 17. They will go through 160 training days before graduating Aug. 10.



Senior Airman Benjamin Rojek

Americans should cease sending unsolicited mail

SAMANTHA QUIGLEY

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The commander of U.S. Central Command is asking Congress for help in eliminating unsolicited mail to servicemembers.

Army Gen. John Abizaid said the military mail service is running at capacity, and he noted the propensity of America to be especially generous during the holidays.

"I would greatly appreciate your assistance in communicating to your constituents the challenges bulk donations from the public present," General Abizaid wrote in a letter provided to congressmen inquiring about mail issues.

Unsolicited mail is no longer accepted because of the stress it creates on the military mail system and because of the possible threat it can pose to servicemembers. Programs like "Operation Dear Abby" and the "Any Servicemember" mail program were suspended Oct. 30, 2002.

"As a matter of policy, the Department of Defense and United States Central Command generally discourage bulk donations because of the added burden on the DOD transportation and distribution system and the real threat of bioterrorism and associated security concerns," General Abizaid wrote.

The U.S. Postal Service no longer delivers items not addressed to a specific servicemember. If packages are left at a collection site and the sender can be determined, they will be returned. If no return address is listed, any care-package items will go to a local charity, a customer-service agent said.

Before images of Scrooge begin forming, there are other ways to support the troops. Dozens of organizations are accepting donations to put together care packages. They include the services' relief societies, as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Red Cross, Armed Forces YMCA and the United Service Organizations.

Those wishing to support servicemembers through the USO, for example, have a choice of donation methods. Donations can be made through its Web site, by phone or in the mail.

Donations to the USO can be directed to one of several specific programs, including "Operation USO Care Package," which the DOD endorses. Through the USO care-package program, servicemembers receive items that they have indicated they want or need.

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The USO also runs "Operation Phone Home," using donations to buy international phone cards in bulk for distribution to deployed troops. A general donation to the USO supports, in part, USO centers worldwide that offer free Internet and e-mail, as well as a place to just hang out during down time. The newest such center is set to open in Afghanistan by the end of the year.

Donors should not feel that just because they have not personally wrapped a care package that the donation is anonymous. Many organizations provide some method of letting troops know who is supporting them.

"If they donate online," said Donna St. John, USO communications director, "they can include a message for the troops."

General Abizaid commended the "admirable" efforts of the American people in demonstrating their support to the country's deployed servicemembers. He is, however, encouraging a refocusing of generosity so American servicemembers get the maximum benefit of donated goods.

'Gifts from the Homefront' AAFES provides alternative to mail restrictions

With the holidays quickly approaching, many Americans are searching for ways to reach out to troops sta-

tioned overseas. Anticipating a rush of mail from well-wishers, the Department of Defense announced last week that, "Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, DoD no longer accepts items to be mailed to 'Any Service Member.'"

Fortunately, those wishing to send support to troops overseas have another option. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service's "Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help Our Troops Call Home" programs allow anyone to make a direct contribution towards the morale of deployed troops without compromising security or increasing the strain on the military mail system.

"Gifts from the Homefront" certificates, which can be purchased by any individual, business or civic organization, allow troops to purchase items of necessity and convenience at PX and BX facilities around the world including 51 Exchanges in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. The gift certificates may also be personalized with a message to troops who find themselves so far from home.

AAFES' Commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost says that "Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help our Troops Call Home" are excellent ways for all to show

Sending the safe way:

"Gifts from the Homefront" is a safe alternative to traditional care packages that place unnecessary strain on the military mail system and present force protection issues.



they care. "I encourage every American who is concerned about the welfare of deployed troops

to buy a gift certificate or a phone card" said Maj. Gen. Frost.

Those wishing to send "Gifts from the Homefront" can log on aafes.com or call 1-877-770-4438. "Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards are also available at aafes.com or by calling 800-527-2345. From there, the gift certificates and/or phone cards may be sent to an individual service member (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through the USO, American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or Fisher House.

"Gifts from the Homefront" and "Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards can be addressed to "any service member" or individual service members.

The gift certificates can be redeemed at any AAFES facility in the world including 51 locations in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, including 29 in Iraq, 10 in Kuwait, 5 in Afghanistan, 1 each in Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and 4 in Qatar/UAE/Djibouti.

The phone cards can be used at any of AAFES' sixty call centers throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. The "Help Our Troops Call Home" program offers the best value for troops who enjoy calls home from any of AAFES' 46 call centers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Airmen help Santa answer letters

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska (AFPN) — Air Force volunteers from the combat weather flight here will once again help Santa send out thousands of signed, North Pole-post marked letters to children worldwide.

The Santa's Mailbag program started 50 years ago by 58th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron Airmen, and it has been carried on by those of the 354th Operations Support Squadron.

Each year, the unit receives thousands of Dear Santa Claus letters and Christmas-wish lists. Volunteers in the weather flight sort and read the letters, select an appropriate reply from Santa Claus and mail the letters with an official North Pole postmark. Last year, the program received about 4,000 letters.

"This program is a very

important local tradition which has been carried on by weather Airmen along the years," said 2nd Lt. Pedro Gonzalez, weather flight volunteer. "We take a lot of pride in running it. The kids get a lot of joy in receiving a letter from Santa with a North Pole stamp, and the parents get a great memento."

The volunteers start processing letters in late November and will continue through Christmas. The flight must receive letters to Santa by mid-December to ensure a reply before Christmas. Children whose letters arrive too late will get a special "after Christmas" letter from Santa.

"We are hoping to start getting letters right after Thanksgiving," said Lieutenant Gonzalez. "Since the post office can get swamped during the holi-



Children can write to Santa at: Santa's Mailbag, 354th OSS/OSW, 2827 Flightline Ave. Suite 100B, Eielson AFB AK 99702-1520.

days, people should try to send the letters as early as possible."

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There is no cost for the letters, but self-addressed stamped envelopes or donations made out to "Santa's Mailbag" to help defray the cost of postage and supplies are accepted.



File photo

Christmas Card Lane

Holiday decorative displays built by various Tyndall squadrons sit on "Christmas Card Lane" near the east end of Flag Park during last year's base Tree Lighting ceremony. Every year, squadrons compete in the contest.

This year's ceremony will be at near Flag Park at 5 p.m. Dec. 2. For more information, or to build a display on this year's "Christmas Card Lane," contact the Tyndall Community Center at 283-2495.

Fraud, waste, abuse claims affect more than just DOD agencies

When people think of government fraud, waste and abuse claims, their own personal money may not come to mind, but it should.

Individual consumers usually do a pretty good job of policing personal finances to ensure precise accountability of money.

However, government employees need to apply the same level of alertness within their work centers to identify fraud impacting the federal government, because fraud schemes exist in the corporate realm and private sector, with the Department of Defense, as the victim.

Fraud is prevalent within the DOD and its strain on financial resources is enormous.

Each year the DOD loses millions of dollars through schemes orchestrated by white-collar criminals and federal employees who cheat the federal government for corporate or personal financial gain. Some common fraud schemes include:

- *Corruption* – When somebody in a position of responsibility wrongfully or unlawfully uses his or her position to procure some benefit for himself or some other person.

- *Bribery* - Paying, soliciting, or receiving a private favor for public action/inaction.

- *Kickbacks/gratuities* – An illegal payment or favor made in return for a referral, which resulted in a transaction or contract.

- *Embezzlement* – Fraudulent appropriation of money, assets, etc, by a person who has been entrusted.

- *Product substitution* - A known submission by a contractor to the government for goods that do not conform to contract specifications.

- *Contract bid rigging* – An agreement by two or more contract bidders where one or more agree not submit a bid or to submit bids that were arrived at by agreement.

- *False billing* – False description or accounting treatment of costs, typically labor costs, by government contractors.



Who to call:

People who have information on indicators of possible fraudulent activity, should call 283-3261 or use the USAF Fraud, Waste, and Abuse hotline: (800) 538-8429. Anonymous calls are welcomed.

- *False claims* – Knowingly and willfully submitting a false claim to the government.

- *Collusion* – A secret agreement between two or more parties for fraud or deceit.
- Other areas in-

clude: larceny, misappropriation and forgery.

Detecting and deterring fraud is one of Air Force Office of Special Investigation's top priorities. AFOSI routinely teams up with the contracting community, military, civilian and contract employees to neutralize this threat. In fiscal year 2003 this team effort and AFOSI investigations resulted in more than \$234 million in recoveries from companies found guilty of fraud.

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(Courtesy of Tyndall Office of Special Investigation.)

